Benefits of mine and beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh

1517. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have decided that all mine and beedi workers, who are drawing emoluments upto Rs. 1600/- per month, will be eligible to get benefits under different schemes being implemented by the Central Government in respect of mica mine workers, iron-ore/manganese ore/chrome ore mine workers, lime stone and dolomite mine workers in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of various schemes to be implemented for beedi and mine workers in Andhra Pradesh and the number of beedi workers and mine workers to be benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The beedi and mine workers are entitled to provision of medical, housing, educational and recreational facilities. Water supply schemes are executed for the benefit of mine workers by the Mine Managements with assistance from the Labour Welfare Funds. There are about 2.5 lakh beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh. Information about the number of miners in Andhra Pradesh is not maintained by the Labour Ministry.

E.S.I. dispensaries and housing assistance workers in Andhra Pradesh

1518. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up twelve additional ESI dispensaries and five hundred houses for beedi/mine workers in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the centres selected for the establishment of the dispensaries and construction of houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). There is no proposal for constructing 12 additional E.S.I. dispensaries. Housing assistance from Welfare Funds is sanctioned for Beedi workers and certain categories of miners. Proposals are considered as and when they are received. So far, 1664 houses for beedi/mine workers of the districts of Nellore, Bellary, Karimnagar, Kurnool, Guntur and Mahabubnagar have been sanctioned.

Central assistance for ESI hospitals in A.P.

1519. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government has approved an amount of Rs. 2.5 crore for the construction of hostel and new ESI hospitals and renovation of existing hospitals in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The ESI authorities have reported that they have not so far received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of a new hospital, hostel and renovation of existing hospitals in the State.

(b) Does not arise.

Countries importing tobacco from India

1520. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the countries which are the main purchasers of Indian tobacco;

(b) what is the quantity of tobacco exported to these countries during the last three years from Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether it is a fact that some tobacco companies in Andhra Pradesh exported poor quality of tobacco to China and other countries, which resulted in a bad name and reputation to Indian tobacco industry; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the export orders and the names of the companies which exported poor quality of tobacco and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) USSR UK, Belgium, France, Italy, Netherlands. Irish Republic, Germany FR, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, GDR, PDRY, S. Arabia, Nepal, Japan, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Somalia are the main purchasers of Indian tobacco.

(b) The quantity of tobacco exported from India during the last three years is as under :

(In Tonnes)

1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
89985	74745	64433

(c) and (d). Claims of about US $ 7 million were raised by China on the following exporters for the shipments made during 1981-82 :

1. M/s. Gogineni Tobaccos, Guntur.
2. M/s. Jayalakshmi International, Guntur.
3. M/s. Sri Jayalakshmi Tobacco Co.
4. M/s. Mittapalli Audinarayana and Co., Guntur.
5. M/s. ITC Ltd., ILTD Division, Guntur.
6. M/s. Maddi Lakshmaiah and Co. (P) Ltd., Chilakaluripet.
7. M/s. Maddi Venkataratnam and Co. (P) Ltd., Chilakalurpet.

The responsible exporters were asked to settle the claims raised by China. The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Department of Rural Development has taken action against the erring companies since quality control comes under them. Except M/s. Gogineni Tobaccos, the remaining exporters have settled their claims. M/s. Gogineni Tobaccos have agreed to supply 610 tonnes of tobacco free of cost towards the claim.

Amount sanctioned for Police Communication systems in Andhra Pradesh

1521. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount sanctioned by the Union Government to develop the police communication system in Andhra Pradesh during 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and so far upto 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that the sanctioned amounts are inadequate; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The subject 'public order' and 'police' are included in the State list of the VIIth Schedule to the Constitution. The State Governments are primarily responsible for improving the working of the police. The Government of India have, however, been supplementing their efforts by providing financial assistance to the States under the scheme of modernisation of State police forces for incurring expenditure under the items like mobility, wireless equipment, scientific aid for investigation, training equipment and computerisation of crime records.

The following amount was released to develop the police communication system in Andhra Pradesh for each year:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount
1984-85.	21·45
1985-86.	21·45
1986-87.	22·00

During the year 1983-84, a total amount of Rs. 45.94 lakhs was released under the scheme for expenditure in respect of all the items mentioned above.